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25X1 1. [] Fred Dutton, State Department, telephoned to advise of a proposed briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee set for Tuesday of next week at 10:30 a.m. Present planning is that Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara and General Carter would all be present and the briefing would be on developments in the Soviet Union. Fred Dutton pointed out the small size of the briefing room and requested that each department and agency limit its witnesses to the principal and one other person.

25X1 2. [] Received a call from Mr. Russell Rourke, Administrative Assistant to Representative John E. Pillion, who indicated he and the Congressman had just finished meeting with State Department representatives on the subject of Haiti. State indicated it was following a program of watchful waiting. Mr. Rourke, on behalf of the Congressman, wanted to know if it would be possible to learn what activities or projects the Agency had under way in Haiti. I advised him in essence that, as we had discussed previously, the Agency is not a policy making body and that any information available on the subject would be available through the Department of State. He indicated he understood and would so advise the Congressman.

Later in the day, the Congressman himself called and requested that I come up and talk to him on the subject of Cuba. He stated he was still interested in pursuing the matter he had mentioned to the Director two weeks ago. On meeting with Mr. Pillion, I advised that the Agency was not authorized to disclose any information on Cuba. He stated he expected this would be so but that he was interested in discussing the general topic of ways to counter successfully the threat of Communism throughout the world. He pointed out several tactics that he felt might be used against the Communists each of which would fall in the covert action area but admitted the time necessary for such programs to be put into operation would be of little avail in the present Cuba, Berlin and other problem areas throughout the world. At the close of the discussion, he indicated he would like to talk farther at a later date on the subject of countering the various Communist parties throughout the world.

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